

THE JOURNAL'S EXCLUSIVE NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPALS IN THE BIG CARSON CITY FIGHT

CORBETT ON HIMSELF.

The Big Fighter Tells How He Has Devoted His Time to Study.

LONG BOB HIS SUBJECT.

Says He Has All Kinds of Schemes Wherewith to Worry His Antagonist.

SCOFFS AT HOOK AND ELBOW.

The Australian Promised Much Scientific Information and Practical Knowledge March 17.

By James J. Corbett.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 16.—I am not afraid of any blow I ever saw Fitzsimmons deliver. There is not one of them that I cannot stop from reaching me, and I have spent a great deal of time studying out methods of returning on his body. No fighter ever went into a ring with such a thorough knowledge of his opponent or his tactics as I have of Fitz. During the three years that we have been wrangling over this fight I have been studying him and inventing schemes to worry him and to render his style of fighting ineffective. I think I have succeeded tolerably well. I always had faith that we would meet in the ring some day, and I put in all my time devising ring tactics to meet his peculiarities. I can discount every blow he makes from his famous hook to the elbow blow that he gives when returning to position after a drive. He can't work any of those blows on me. Even if he should try that blow that he is said to have given Sharkey he would find me where he expects to.

The softest snap I could wish for is to have Fitz fight in his usual style. That I know he will do. He does not know how to invent new tactics. So you might as well set it down that I am going into the ring thoroughly fortified with a perfect knowledge of my opponent's strong and weak points.

Corbett Describes His Methods.

"On the other hand, he knows nothing about my style of fighting. I may say that I have no style; all styles and styles that were never heard of are my styles. I have now a pretty clear idea of how I intend to fight Fitzsimmons, and I can think of nothing now that is likely to make me change. However, if something unforeseen should arise, I have no doubt of my ability to rise equal to the occasion. It would not be the first time I have changed my entire plan of campaign after I had entered the ring. Inventing new tactics after the fight has commenced is my strong suit. Fitz is likely to see more different styles of fighting on March 17 than he would have seen if he had witnessed every fight that has taken place since the prize ring was established.

"I am glad that Fitz has taken in good part the suggestion I made to Siler about how to act at certain points during the fight. It ought to be understood that both men have the right to drive when breaking away, provided one arm is free. There are a number of questions such as that that are likely to arise and make trouble during the fight unless the principals have a thorough understanding beforehand."

Wants a Reading on Rules.

About what to do. "Now, I want Siler to send each of us a note giving us his interpretation of Queensberry rules. Then Fitz and myself can hold a correspondence through Siler until we come to an agreement on all points on which we have differences of opinion. Fitz is acting in a fair spirit lately, and I think he has come to the conclusion that he can whip me and that he will make no further trouble, but go in and fight it out properly."

FOUR ROUNDS WILL CLOSE IT.

Bat Masterson Predicts That Fitz Will Land an Easy Winner.

Denver, Col., Feb. 16.—Bat Masterson was one of Fitzsimmons's constant attendants

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In Denver from the hour he landed up to the time of departure.

"The fight will be short," said he. "Fitz will surely win in four rounds. He is a harder puncher than Corbett, and in so far as Jim can't afford to keep away from Fitz, he is very likely to run against trouble. If he does not face the music he will be hissed as he was when he went against Sullivan. With Bob, a lighter man, and almost in a different class, he must come to the scratch. I leave up belief entirely on the fact that Fitz can hit and do it harder than any other man in the ring to-day. About four rounds will close the fight in his favor."

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Half Sick People.

Not sick enough to call a doctor, just sick enough to be miserable and make others miserable. They need just such a tonic as Anker-Pain-Expeller—Malt-Nutrine—the food drink. To be had of all druggists.—Advt.

CORBETT'S IDEA IS RIDICULOUS.

Local Sports Condemn His Stand Regarding Rules of the Battle.

FIGHT FROM CLINCHES.

Parson Davies Says the Affair Would Resolve Into a Wrestling Match.

Although the big fight is four weeks off and the inauguration of President-elect McKinley but two, the Nevada affair has completely overbalanced the great national event that will be held in Washington in point of interest. This was made manifest yesterday afternoon when no less than five prominent Republican politicians of this State gave out to their friends that they had decided to forgo the inauguration exercises of March 4 and leave for the Great Basin district the latter part of this month.

There was considerable discussion last night in the uptown resorts where the sports are wont to gather over the report that came from the West in reference to certain rules that Corbett is anxious to have the referee enforce during the fight. Corbett's proposition is for referee Siler to hand each principal a set of written rules two weeks before the fight, which he must study and adhere to.

All the prominent sporting men ridicule such an idea and agree that the fight can only be decided to the satisfaction of the public by living up strictly to the Queensberry or Blachard's fair play rules.

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surprised to hear of Corbett advancing any such wild idea about fighting. If he wants to wrestle he should have made the match according to the old prize ring rules.

"There is something more than idle talk when a champion begins to make rules for his own contest, and I would not be surprised to learn that a 'kick' is made that will cause some big talk before these fellows get into the ring."

At Smith was also of the opinion that Corbett was requesting too much when he asked for the addition of a new rule to govern this contest. "Corbett may be misquoted," said Mr. Smith. "I can hardly believe that he wants anything that is not fair. He has no right to see or talk to a referee about his fight until he steps into the ring. If Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons or any other fighter agrees to fight, he must abide by the rules on boxing selected by the person or club offering the purse."

There was but little betting indulged in last night on the result of the fight. The price quoted last week was 100 to 70 on Corbett, but now there is little or no Corbett money in sight at these odds. At least George Bauman, the bookmaker, who received a big commission from New Orleans where Fitzsimmons is believed to be un conquerable, could not find any of it.

The cold blooded sports who try to pick winners have given this big fight question up in disgust, for while many of them believe that Corbett will win, they can't figure him a winner in form, so they have begun to wager on the length of the battle.

Rilly Edwards has \$500 to bet that the fight won't last six rounds, while Colonel Abe Daniels will wager \$500 against \$1,000 that Corbett wins in twelve rounds.

The luckiest man in town last night was Arthur Moore, who picked up a bet of \$500, even, that the fight would last more than twenty rounds. The better was a prominent member of the New York A. C.

SULLIVAN PICKS CORBETT.

Former Champion Says His Conqueror is Level-Headed and Will Defeat Fitzsimmons.

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—John L. Sullivan arrived in Philadelphia today. He will be tendered a banquet to-morrow night at the Quaker City Athletic Club, when he will appear in a four-round bout with Paddy Ryan, his first opponent for the championship. When asked for his opinion on the coming fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons he said:

"I certainly think Corbett will win, for he is a level headed chap, and has had lots of experience. He has improved a lot since he fought me in New Orleans, and even at that time he was a wonder. Then he could not hit very hard, but he has since developed his hitting powers, until now he is able to hold up his end with any of them. Then, again, Bob Fitzsimmons is not able to hold his end up with a man who is so long headed as Corbett, and the American is liable to go to pieces at any stage of the game. If you have noticed, Corbett has always shown great cleverness in making a mistake, and I will say that this one is no exception to his general rule.

Sullivan will remain here until Thursday, when he will return to Gloucester, Mass., to appear with a vaudeville company.

Corbett stopped straight to his room and began exercising with a pair of light dumbbells. He asked a few questions concerning the threats that had been made in the matter of forcing him to take out glove contest, because before being allowed to spar in Reno or Virginia City.

"Well, I'll settle this question very quickly," said Jim. "I'll spar in none of these towns; not even in Carson, until the big fight is over. It may be all right and I

may be putting aside a chance to make some money, but I don't care about that. I don't want anything to arise that can possibly throw a damper on the match with Fitzsimmons."

"The championship contest is the main thing, and if I did not feel that the road to it was clear I would not be as easy in mind as I am this morning. But I have others to consider beside myself. If a dispute were to arise over this theatrical license, people at a distance might get it in their heads that there will be trouble later about the big fight, and that would never do."

Rain Kept Corbett Indoors.

Corbett was fogged because the rain prevented him from going out to inspect his training quarters at Shaw's Springs. He heard with complaisance that the carpenters had ceased work on his handball court because of the weather.

Martin Julian came to town by the afternoon train. During a short stop at Steamboat Springs he looked over the conveniences at the resort named and quickly made up his mind that the place would not be suitable for training grounds for Fitzsimmons. Julian said this afternoon that he had looked over a place near Carson and that if satisfactory arrangements could be concluded Fitzsimmons would locate there. He expects to know definitely by to-morrow morning. Julian said that Fitz would arrive here Saturday afternoon.

"Fitz is in great shape just now," said Julian. "He is in every bit as good condition as when training for Sharkey. He is a shade heavier, I believe he will enter the ring this time weighing about 174 pounds."

Julian heard of Corbett's resolve in the matter of cancelling his theatrical dates in Nevada and made up his mind to follow suit.

The plans of the arena are not yet ready. According to all accounts the local architect is scarcely equal to the task of laying out the affair in the shape that Stuart desires. A new man has appeared on the scene in the person of Tractmaster Allen, of the Ingleside and Oakland race tracks, near San Francisco. He has submitted three or four different plans to Stuart, and

natural respiration and was ready to repeat. I consider this test to-day ample evidence that my lungs are in perfect condition, and that my body is ready for all tests.

About the Changed Rules.

I would like to express myself regarding Mr. Siler's intention to issue the rules governing the fight ten days before the contest. As a matter of fact, the Marquis of Queensberry's rules governing contests are known to the profession to-day and are understood, and it is my opinion that any departure from these rules could be best set before the principals one day ahead of the contest, so that there would be no time to practise effects for the amendments.

I will be ready to go into the ring with Mr. Corbett at a moment's notice on the day set for the contest, that is to decide our qualitties, but I am opposed to any departure from the accepted rules wherein a period of ten days is allowed for rehearsal. The Marquis of Queensberry rules are uniformly equitable, and all I want is for him to stand up to me under them and take whatever he receives, as I will do, and to make it a fair and square stand-up fight, with no frills on it.

"FITZ" AT LEADVILLE.

He Makes Horseshoes and Receives an Ovation from the Miners.

Leadville, Col., Feb. 16.—When Robert Fitzsimmons and his party arrived in Lead-

ville this morning and were received by George Labbe, the champion was feeling a little blue over a dream of the previous night, in which he got a vague impression that an old friend of his had died of heart disease. Then he played five games of pool, winning them all, and by 10 o'clock found himself in better spirits and ready to move around a little.

While walking up Main street under the care of his host, Mr. Labbe, Fitzsimmons suddenly discovered the sign of a blacksmith shop in one of the side streets. In a few moments he was inside, had removed his coat, donned a leather apron and before any one knew it was standing beside the forge with a steel hammer in his hand.

Fitzsimmons made twenty-six horseshoes in all, and distributed them among the city Aldermen and sent two half-completed specimens to his friend, Joe Murphy, who is playing "Kerry Gow" in Denver.

His walk to the Opera House after a hearty supper was a triumphant one. The miners, coming up from their work, pushed their way through the crowd, and, clenching his hand, shook silver and gold coins into his face with the remark that it was all to be put on him in the coming battle.

Salvation Oil has cured many of rheumatism when other remedies failed. Price 25c.—Advt.

BIG ONE AT THE BATTLE GROUND.

Large Crowd and Bad Weather Greet the Pugilist.

WILL NOT SPAR IN RENO.

Declares He Will Take No Chances Until After the Big Fight.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 16.—I am on the ground. A storm is raging, and I will not go to my training quarters until to-morrow. I have decided not to exhibit in Nevada until I fight Fitzsimmons. There is some doubt as to whether I will require license at \$50 or one that costs \$1,000. In any case, I am going to sweep all side issues away and centre my attention on the big fight.

JAMES J. CORBETT.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 16.—Jim Corbett brought bad weather to Carson. The mutterings of the storm were heard last night, and at daylight this morning the skies were lowering and leaking. There was a brisk wind blowing from the north, and altogether conditions were not such as to give the champion a favorable impression of the capital of Nevada.

Corbett stopped from the rear of the train when the cars stopped. By this ruse he baffled the crowd of camera fiends, who are on hand to try their luck, despite the leaden skies. Jim wore a great gray overcoat with the fur collar turned up about his ears. On his head was a close-fitting cap. He made for the hotel at a brisk gait and was safely housed before half the throng at the depot knew that he had arrived.

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It is thought that one of them will be accepted to-morrow. Stuart stipulated that comfortable seating capacity must be provided for at least 15,000 visitors.

W. W. NAUGHTON.

Editor New York Journal:

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TESTS THE COLORADO AIR.

He Declares That It Has Proven That His Lungs Are in Perfect Condition.

TOO MUCH FOR HIS TRAINER.

The Latter Was Completely Exhausted After a Quarter-Mile Spin Ten Thousand Feet Above the Level of the Sea.

By Robert Fitzsimmons.

Leadville, Col., Feb. 16.—I find myself today at an altitude of over 10,000 feet above the level of the sea and in possession of a slight cold, due entirely to the sudden changes of temperature which I have passed through.

Apart from that, I am as solid as a bell and in perfect health.